

a second selector for receiving data from the second plurality of schedulers, the second selector enabling output from the switch element through a second switch matrix output port;

9/12 5 a plurality of traffic generators for inputting data into the first input routing portion and the second input routing portion; and

a plurality of traffic acceptors to receive data from the first output arbitrating portion and the second output arbitrating portion.

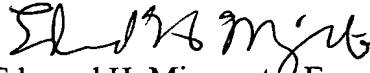
REMARKS

10 Claims 2-6 have been canceled. New claims 7-28 have been added. Claims 1 and 7-28 are pending after entry of the present Preliminary Amendment. The claims containing the subject matter of this Divisional Application was canceled in the parent case, United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/872,530, due to a restriction requirement imposed by the Examiner. Amendments were made to the claim 1 to better
15 define that which the Applicants consider to be the invention and to incorporate the subject matter the parent application that was subject to the restriction requirement by the Examiner. New claims 7-28 that incorporate the subject matter of the parent application that was subject to the restriction requirement by the Examiner have been added. The Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by the amendment of claim 1 and
20 the addition of claims 7-28, and further submit that all of the pending claims are supported by the specification.

The Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits of the subject application, and respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner
25 has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to

contact the undersigned at (408) 749-6900. If any additional fees are due in connection with filing this amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. COREP002D).

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